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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 20, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Scott Rambo, First Baptist Church, Sugar Land, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray together. Father, we come before You this morning, thanking You so much for all the blessings that You give us in life. I thank You for the privilege of being an American citizen and for the honor of being able to pray for the men and women who lead our country. I pray Your blessings and Your wisdom upon them as they lead us.

Father, as I reflect on the images of the great lawgivers whose faces are all around the walls of this Chamber, Father, my attention is focused on Moses, the only lawgiver whose full face is shown. Father, when I think about that and know that his full face is shown because he is the only lawgiver who received his law directly from You and not from man, I am reminded that our ultimate authority for all of life is You.

Lord, I pray Your success formula for our Nation today. Father, You tell us in Your word that if we will humble ourselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways, then You will hear our prayers, You will for-

give our sins, and You will heal our land.

Father, I ask that You help us to humble ourselves before You and turn from any wickedness that may be in our lives. Father, I pray as we do that, You will hear our prayers and heal our land. Grant us the strength and courage to follow You every day.

Again, I thank You so much for the blessings and the grace and mercy that You give us every day. I pray Your blessings on this day and all that takes place in this House. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3301. An act to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive 15 1-minutes on each side, following the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY).

REVEREND SCOTT RAMBO

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, our opening prayer this morning was offered by my good friend and pastor of my church, Reverend Scott Rambo.

Reverend Rambo has ministered to the spiritual needs of many of my constituents since 1995, when he became the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sugar Land, Texas.

Since becoming pastor of the first Baptist Church, Reverend Rambo has brought excitement and a sense of mission to our community. His message of faith and family has inspired many, as witnessed by the astronomic growth of the First Baptist Church of Sugar Land.

Reverend Rambo is a graduate of the University of South Alabama and of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He started his career as the Minister of Evangelism at the Retta Baptist Church in Burleson, Texas. He became the youth minister at the Hillcrest Park Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, then moved to Dallas to take the job of Associate Youth Minister at the First Baptist Church of Dallas.

He then left Texas for 3 years, serving as the Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana. But, like all Texans, he could not leave Texas, he had to come home, so he returned back to Texas and started his current ministry in Sugar Land, Texas.

Reverend Rambo, in my opinion, is a man that truly has a heart and a love

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